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Despite the summer heat, there's no shortage of fun activities to keep you and your family busy this July! From a festive fireworks spectacular, to family art workshops and summer programs that feature reptiles, music and science, we're sure you'll find plenty to keep you cool, active and having a blast in Tempe. And who knows, maybe you'll even find yourself wishing summer would never end...

CELEBRATE THE NIGHT AWAY ON INDEPENDENCE DAY



Tempe will once again celebrate the July 4th holiday in grand fashion by hosting one of Arizona's largest and brightest fireworks displays at the [Fox 10 July 4th Tempe Town Lake Festival](#), produced by the [Kiwanis Club of Tempe](#). Grab your friends, neighbors and family members and head down to [Tempe Beach Park](#) for fun, food and festivities! Gates open at 5 p.m. All ages are invited to enjoy live, local entertainment, cool off at the Tempe Beach Park Splash Playground, and get in the holiday spirit with kid's activities, games and rock climbing walls.

Entertainment line-up:

5:15-6:05 p.m.

[Don't Tell Mom Band](#)

6:15-7:00 p.m.

[TRIDON](#)

7:15-8:10 p.m.

[Casey Lee Smith Band](#)

8:15-9:15 p.m. / 9:45-10:45 p.m.

[Elvis Before Noon](#)

The 35 minute fireworks spectacular will be launched from the Mill Avenue Bridge and choreographed to music

for all tastes and interests including patriotic, pop, country and more. Net proceeds from the 64th annual fireworks spectacular will benefit the Kiwanis Club of Tempe Children's Charities.

Children under 12 and active military with military ID card receive free general admission.

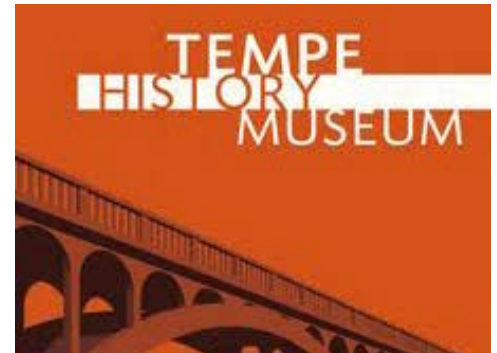
Visit www.Tempe4th.com for details, including parking and transit information, a list of allowable items that can be brought into to the event and more.

FEEL THE BEAT AT SOUNDS OF SUMMER

The [Sounds of Summer](#) program continues to bring sweet music to the [Tempe History Museum](#) throughout the month of July. The family-friendly (and free!) series offers hands-on activities, interesting displays, fun interactives, and special performances from 10a.m. – 2 p.m. on select Wednesdays and a Saturday.

Each event will feature live musical performances at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. There is no pre-registration needed for individuals or families; groups of more than 10 people need to make a reservation in advance by calling 480-350-5100. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

- July 8** Classical Strings featuring Arizona Pro Arte
- July 15** Jazz Rocks by Bart Salzman
- July 25** African Drums with Keith Johnson
- July 29** Arizona Pro Arte: Classical Woodwinds



SPLISH, SPLASH AND HAVE A BLAST AT TEMPE'S WATER FACILITIES

Looking for a way to keep cool without breaking the bank? Tempe's variety of water destinations offer affordable fun for all ages. Whether you're looking to swim laps, ride the waves or splash and play, we've got you covered with a selection of pools, spray pads and a splash playground that make it convenient for you and your family to beat the heat this summer.

[Kiwanis Wave Pool](#)

The indoor Wave Pool features 3-foot waves, as well as a double-spiral water slide and splashdown pool. The zero-depth entry pool also features a six-lane lap pool. Wave Pool admission is \$5 for ages 2-12 and \$7 for ages 13 and older. Waves run daily from 1-5 p.m. through July 26.

[Splash Playground at Tempe Beach Park](#)

The one-acre splash playground boasts play equipment, water buckets and a waterfall. Admission is free. Lifeguards are on-duty during operating hours; however, children should always be watched by an adult. Open daily from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

[Neighborhood Spray Pads](#)

Two neighborhood spray pads are located at Hudson and Jaycee parks. A third spray pad at Esquer Park is temporarily closed due to maintenance issues and is anticipated to re-open this summer. Admission is free. No lifeguards or attendants are on duty, so children should always be watched by an adult. Open daily from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.



[Escalante Pool](#)

This outdoor pool offers six lanes for lap swimming and a zero-depth entry pool with play equipment and slides. Admission is 75 cents for ages 6-17 and \$1.25 for ages 18+. Children 5 years and under are free. Open Sat. – Thurs., 1-5 p.m. and Fri., 1-7 p.m.



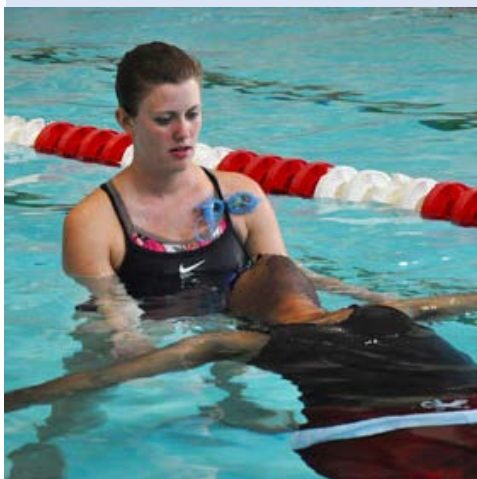


SWIM SAFELY WITH LESSONS IN TEMPE

With the first day of school still over a month away and temperatures just begging kids to hop in the pool, it's important to make sure your little swimmer is safe and prepared around water.

Tempe offers [swim lessons](#) for all ages and stages from 8 months old to adults. Classes meet once, twice or four times per week, for a total of six or eight lessons. At just \$38 or \$50 per session, Tempe's swim lessons are a great value – making water safety affordable and convenient for your family.

New sessions begin throughout the months of July and August, so visit www.Tempe.gov/Brochure for class descriptions, schedules and to register.



KEEP CALM AND READ ON WITH THE TEMPE PUBLIC LIBRARY



Keep tots, youth, tweens, teens (and yourself) actively engaged this summer by signing-up for the [Tempe Public Library's](#) free [Summer Reading Program](#)! Register today at the [Youth Library](#), 3500 S. Rural Rd. to start earning [prizes](#) and reading the summer away! Program ends August 1.

Check out the free [Totally Tempe](#) portion of the Summer Reading Program for amazing presenters, science demos, reptiles and more, 2 p.m. every Thursday in July.

- July 2** AZ Science Center: Really Cool Science
- July 9** Mad Science: Fire & Ice
- July 16** Reptile Adventures
- July 23** Tempe Police Department K9 Unit



WAVE POOL THEME DAYS

Don't miss Wave Pool Theme Days this summer at [Kiwanis Recreation Center's](#) affordable and fun wave pool. Each Theme Day event offers discounted admission for guests depending on that weekend's theme. From donating school supplies to showing a Military ID, swimmers may receive anywhere from half-off admission up to one free

admission to ride the waves between 1-3 p.m. Waves will continue to roll until 5 p.m.

- July 4-5** Armed Forces Weekend
- July 18-19** Big Brothers Big Sisters
- August 1-2** Back to School Drive

General admission is \$5 for ages 2-12 and \$7 for ages 13 and over. Check out the [Wave Pool Theme Days](#) page for additional Theme Days info.



EXPLORE THE WORLD WITH WEDNESDAYS AT THE CENTER

[Tempe Public Library](#) Outreach Services is hosting a series of special events on Wednesdays this July at the [Escalante Multi-Generational Center](#), 2150 E. Orange St. in Tempe. Each "Wednesday at the Center" event begins at 1 p.m. in the Escalante gym and features a different theme including music, martial arts and reptiles!

July 1 - Japanese Taiko Drumming

This ancient Japanese art form has found new vitality and relevance in modern day America.

July 8 - Capoeira

Capoeira is a Brazilian art form that combines elements of martial arts, music and dance.

July 15 - Reptile Adventures

Rich Ihle will showcase eight live reptiles from around the world and discuss each animal's lifestyle, diet and defense mechanisms. Stick around until the end and you may get to touch a python!



"BIRDS OF A FEATHER" FLOCK TO THE GALLERY AT TCA

The Gallery at the [Tempe Center for the Arts](#) celebrates the birds that make Arizona home (or a migration stop) in the summer exhibition, *Birds of a Feather*. The show, open through Sept. 19, features artists from around Arizona and the United States who work with a variety of media ranging from nature photography to abstract sculpture.

In conjunction with the *Birds of a Feather* exhibition, a series of Saturday Arts & Sciences Family Workshops will offer science-based lessons about birds and hands-on art projects for kids of all ages from 12-2 p.m.

Sat., July 11 – Bird Houses

Learn about bird mythology and create your own recycled bird house from cardboard milk cartons.

Sat., July 18 – Liberty Wildlife

Exhibiting artist and bird handler/educator, Anne Peyton, will bring live, regional birds for participants to learn about and reference while drawing.

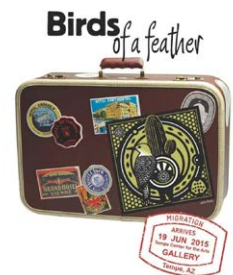
Sat., July 25 – Foam Noodle Friends

Create fun and unique bird friends from pool noodles, pipe cleaners and foam shapes.

The program also features a *Lifelong Learning Speaker Series* where novice bird enthusiasts and advanced birders alike will enjoy informal discussions about Arizona birds with local experts.

Fri., July 17; 6-7 p.m.

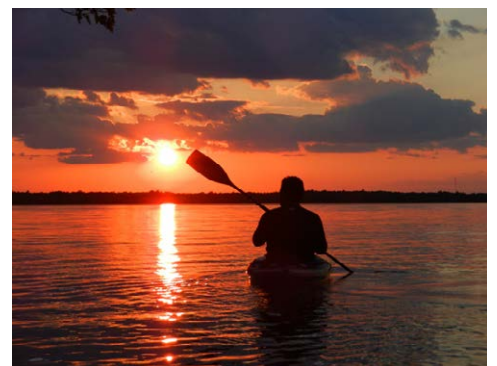
Physiological and behavioral adaptations of birds to the Sonoran Desert with Pierre Deviche, Ph.D.



TAKE A MOONLIGHT KAYAK AROUND TEMPE TOWN LAKE

An evening paddle on Tempe Town Lake is an experience unique to Tempe, but don't take our word for it – check it out yourself! From 7:30-9:30 p.m. on July 31, grab a friend, family member, or paddle solo and join us for our popular "Moonlight Kayak" around the lake. Paddlers will meet at [SRP Town Lake Marina](#), 550 E. Tempe Town Lake before hitting the water for an evening of adventure!

No experience is necessary. Bring clothes you don't mind getting wet, a towel and dry clothes. All necessary equipment will be provided. Must be 18 years or older to participate. Fee: \$30. Space is limited and you must register in advance. Use barcode 44718 to register at www.Tempe.gov/Brochure. For info about other Boating activities, visit www.Tempe.gov/Boating.





To receive up-to-date information about exciting events and opportunities happening between Connecting Tempe newsletters, become a fan of Tempe Opportunities on [Facebook](#).

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, July 2

[Totally Tempe Thursdays – AZ Science Center: Really Cool Science](#)
2 p.m.; [Tempe Public Library](#)

Friday, July 3

[Moonlight Kayak](#)
7:30-9:30 p.m.; [SRP Town Lake Marina](#)

Saturday, July 4

Independence Day

City of Tempe Administrative Offices Closed

Sat. & Sun., July 4 & 5

[Wave Pool Theme Days – Armed Forces Weekend](#)
1-5 p.m.; [Kiwanis Recreation Center](#)

Saturday, July 4

[July 4th Tempe Town Lake Festival](#)
5-11 p.m.; [Tempe Beach Park](#)

Wednesday, July 8

[Sounds of Summer – Classical Strings featuring Arizona Pro Arte](#)
10 a.m.-2 p.m.; [Tempe History Museum](#)

Thursday, July 9

[Totally Tempe Thursdays – Mad Science: Fire & Ice](#)
2 p.m.; [Tempe Public Library](#)

Friday, July 10

[Tempe Arts Plan – Online Survey Deadline](#)

Sunday, July 12

[Performances at the Museum – The Pangean Orchestra](#)
2:30 p.m.; [Tempe History Museum](#)

Wednesday, July 15

[Sounds of Summer – Jazz Rocks by Bart Salzman](#)
10 a.m.-2 p.m.; [Tempe History Museum](#)

Thursday, July 16

[Totally Tempe Thursdays – Reptile Adventures](#)
2 p.m.; [Tempe Public Library](#)

Friday, July 17

[Glow Paddle](#)
7:30-9:30 p.m.; [SRP Town Lake Marina](#)

Sat. & Sun., July 18 & 19

[Wave Pool Theme Days – Big Brothers Big Sisters](#)
1-5 p.m.; [Kiwanis Recreation Center](#)

Thursday, July 23

[Totally Tempe Thursdays – Tempe PD K9 Unit](#)
2 p.m.; [Tempe Public Library](#)

Friday, July 24

[Art After Work](#)
6-8:30 p.m.; [Tempe Center for the Arts](#)

Saturday, July 25

[Sounds of Summer – African Drums with Keith Jonson](#)
10 a.m.-2 p.m.; [Tempe History Museum](#)

Wednesday, July 29

[Sounds of Summer – Arizona Pro Arte: Classical Woodwinds](#)
10 a.m.-2 p.m.; [Tempe History Museum](#)

Friday, July 31

[Moonlight Kayak](#)
7:30-9:30 p.m.; [SRP Town Lake Marina](#)



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